**REMARKS** 

In compliance with the Examiner's request, Claims 1-22 have been

characterized as being "cancelled".

Further pursuant to the Examiner's requirement, "potassium" has been elected

as the species to be examined in the present application.

Claim 22 includes potassium as one of the species to be combined with

rubidium, hence Claim 22 reads on the elected species.

Claim 23 is dependent from Claim 22 and is directed to the pharmaceutical

carrier of the composition, hence Claim 22 reads on the elected species.

Claim 24 includes potassium as one of the species to be combined with

rubidium, hence Claims 24 reads on the elected species.

Claim 25 is dependent from Claim 24 and is directed to use of the claimed

invention in the treatment of various skin disorders, hence Claim 25 reads on the

elected species.

Examination of the application and allowance of Claims 22-25 are respectfully

requested.

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